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1. General Information

- a. The former Lithuanian border between German East Prussia and Memelland has been re-established.
- b. Woods grown to protect the Kurische Nehrung peninsula have been burned and the area is falling victim to the Baltic Sea. The main road on the peninsula has deteriorated to a point where it is practically useless.
- c. Rauschen (Z-49) is primarily a military rest center. A large fish cannery has been established there. Approximately 800 Germans remain in the town. There are seven German families in Rossitten (U-91) with a total of 15 adults and 10 children. There are no German residents remaining in the villages of Sarkau (Z-79), Pillkuppen (U-92) and Kunzen (unlocated).
- d. Schools and churches have not been reopened.
- e. The following railroad lines are now operating: Palmnicken to Fischhausen (Z-38-Z-36), Königsberg to Pillau (Z-66-Z-25), Königsberg to Cranz (Z-66-Z-79), and Cranz to Neukuhren (Z-79-Z-59).

2. Military-Naval-Air

Rossitten (U-91) - Border troops and a signal station are located in Rossitten. The signal unit is building a line to Memel.

Kurische Nehrung (U-81) - No defenses have been erected on the peninsula with the exception of the section forming the harbor entrance to Memel.

Memel - This town is occupied by strong naval units.

Neukuhren and Bristerort (Z-59-Z-39) - The airports are in use. About 4,000 men are located in the area.

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Crans (Z-79) - A Soviet Navy Battalion is located at Crans. The resort is being rebuilt by 300-400 Germans as a rest center for Russian troops.

Sarkau (Z-79) - A small marine unit is reported at Sarkau.

Schmels - (suburb of Memel) - A tank factory with 6,000 employees is located in Schmels.

Königsberg (Z-66) - A few troops are stationed in the suburbs. The main railroad station has not been cleared and a passenger depot has been established at Ponarth (Z-66).

Palnicken (Z-38) - A provisional harbor has been built in this town, which is occupied by approximately 3,000 troops. The town also contains supply depots for uniforms and aircraft parts.

Sorgenau (Z-38) - One rifle division is reported in Sorgenau.

Pillau to Brüstterort (Z-25-Z-39) - This area has a concentration of troops.

3. Soviet Komendatury are located at:
- Palnicken (Z-38)
 - Sorgenau (Z-38)
 - German (Z-37)
 - Finken (Z-39)
 - Gross Kühren (Z-39)
 - Schallmen (unlocated)
 - Biskobeiken (unlocated)

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